DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNTY OF LOUDOUN

MEMORANDUM

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DATE:

November 8, 2007

TO:

Marchant Schneider, Project Manager

FROM:

Michael Clem, Environmental Review Team Archaeologist

SUBJECT: SPEX 2007-0021 Route 50 Medical Campus

Staff has reviewed the Phase 1 archaeological survey report for the subject property prepared by Thunderbird Archeology in January of 2006.

One historic site (44LD1342) and one historic resource (053-6090) were identified on the property. The artifacts from site 1342 indicate a mid-to-late 19th century occupation. The site is located adjacent to the landing strip and was severely impacted by the construction of that strip. Resource 6090 is the Glasscock Landing Field. The airfield was the first in the County. The condition of the resource is poor and it is not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Recommendation

Staff concurs with the finding of the report and agrees that no further archaeological field work is warranted on this property.

Staff recommends, as a means of mitigating the loss of the historically significant Glasscock Landing Field (053-6090), that signage commemorating the location of the resource and its significance to Loudoun's history be erected on the project area. Photos of the airfield in its heyday and a brief history would be an appropriate addition to a memorial of this important site.